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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO Docket No. 29815

SCOTT HAYES, SCOTT WORTHEN,)
SHARLA WORTHEN, STEVE RYALS,)
TOM MORGAN, SUE ALLISON and TOM)
LAWS,)
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Plaintiffs-Respondents,)
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v.)
) Boise, May 2004 Term
DAVID O. KINGSTON,)
) 2004 Opinion No. 104
Defendant-Appellant,)
) Filed: August 9, 2004
and)
) Frederick C. Lyon, Clerk
COLLABWARE CORPORATION, an Idaho)
corporation, WILLIAM J. INMAN, an)
individual, BARRY L. MOYER, an)
individual,)
and MICHAEL J. LIGHTFOOT, an)
individual,)
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Defendants.)
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WILLIAM J. INMAN,)
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Cross-Claimant,)
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v.))
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COLLABWARE CORPORATION, an Idaho))
corporation, DAVID O. KINGSTON, an))
individual, BARRY L. MOYER, an))
individual,	,)
And MICHAEL J. LIGHTFOOT, an	,)
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Cross-Defendants	, ,

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DAVID O. KINGSTON, both individually and derivatively on behalf of CollabWare Corporation,)))
Cross-Claimant,)
v.)
COLLABWARE CORPORATION, an Idaho corporation, WILLIAM J. INMAN, an individual, and BARRY L. MOYER, an individual,))))
Cross-Defendants.)
DAVID O. KINGSTON,)
Third-Party Plaintiff, v.)
MICHAEL J. LIGHTFOOT, an individual, MICHAEL J. LIGHTFOOT, P.C., GARY BLUME, an individual, and BLUME LAW FIRM, P.C.,))))
Third-Party Defendants.)
BARRY L. MOYER,)
Cross-Claimant,)
v.)
COLLABWARE CORPORATION, an Idaho corporation, WILLIAM J. INMAN, an individual, DAVID O. KINGSTON, an individual, and MICHAEL J. LIGHTFOOT, an individual,))))
Cross-Defendants.)
GARY BLUME, an individual, and BLUME LAW FIRM, P.C.,)))
Cross-Claimants,)

v.
MICHAEL J. LIGHTFOOT, an individual, and MICHAEL J. LIGHTFOOT, P.C.,
Cross-Defendants.
GARY BLUME, an individual, and BLUME LAW FIRM, P.C.,
Counterclaimants,
v.
DAVID O. KINGSTON, an individual, and COLLABWAR CORPORATION, an Idaho corporation,
Counterdefendants.

Appeal from the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Ada County. Hon. Deborah A. Bail, District Judge.

Order denying motion for change of venue, <u>affirmed</u>.

Hawley, Troxell, Ennis & Hawley, Boise, for appellant. Eugene A. Ritti argued.

Cosho, Humphrey, Greener & Welsh, Boise, for respondents. Daniel L. Glynn argued.

In a unanimous opinion released today and authored by Justice Burdick, the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the district court's denial of defendants' motion to change venue from Ada to Bonneville County.

The plaintiffs brought suit against Collabware Corporation and its shareholders in Ada County because that is where the company allegedly made misrepresentations to potential investors. Collabware's principle place of business was in Bonneville County, Idaho and the in-state shareholder defendants also resided there. The defendants claimed that the causes of action did not arise until the plaintiffs were damaged and this did not occur until the corporation accepted the subscription agreements in Bonneville County.

The district court denied defendants' motion to change venue from Ada to Bonneville County.

The Idaho Supreme Court holds that the phrase "where the cause of action arose" in a fraud case to mean venue lies where the misrepresentation was made or heard, or where the injury occurred. In a security case the phrase means venue lies where the offer to sell was made or where the securities were sold. The Idaho Supreme Court affirms the district court's decision to deny defendants' motion to change venue.